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replaced when the current revenues are once again sufficient for this purpose. County hospitals are permitted by law to levy a tax up to one mill, however, in actual practice few counties exercise their taxing authority due to the fact that they frequently serve patients who reside in other counties and even neighboring states. Therefore, it is felt by these hospitals that it would be preferable to borrow from the funds previously reserved for depreciation rather than levy a tax on the property of the residents within the county. It is felt that requiring the permission of the County Board would constitute an adequate safeguard against any possible irresponsible use of the monies previously reserved for depreciation. This plan has been approved by Medicare and I urge you to move it to E & R Initial.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: All right, before we recognize the next person, the Chair takes great pleasure on behalf of Senator Reutzel to introduce one of his most important constituents, former Senator Thome Johnson from Fremont. Thome, would you stand out into the light and be recognized? Welcome back. You're looking great. Okay, the Chair recognizes Senator Rumery.

SENATOR RUMERY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Mills a question.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Mills, will you respond?

SENATOR MILLS: Yes, sir.

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SENATOR MILLS: County hospitals.

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SENATOR MILLS: Right.

SENATOR RUMERY: It wouldn't affect districts in general?

SENATOR MILLS: No, sir. Only those county hospitals, Senator Rumery.

SENATOR RUMERY: Thank you.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Any further discussion? The motion then is the advance of LB 560 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye. Opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance, Mr. President.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: LB 560 is advanced to E & R Initial. Next bill on consent calendar for consideration is LB 715.

CLERK: (Read title to LB 715.) The bill was read on January 9th of 1978. It was referred to the Government, Military and Veteran Affairs Committee. It was advanced to General File. There are pending, Mr. President, Government, Military and Veteran Affairs Committee amendments.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: All right, the Chair recognizes Senator Stoney for handling the Government Committee's amendments. Senator Stoney.

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